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Casey et al )  
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For: **METHOD OF JOINING LAMINATES** )  
**FOR Z-AXIS INTERCONNECTION** )

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## DECLARATION OF WILLIAM N. HOGG UNDER 37 CFR §1.130

WILLIAM N. HOGG does hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the designated attorney of record in connection with the above entitled United States patent application, as well as the cited prior art reference to Curcio et al, Patent No. 6,465,084 B1, and, as such, have first hand, direct knowledge concerning the assignment obligations of employees of International Business Machines Corporation, the assignee herein;

2. The subject application and the issued Patent No. 6,465,084 B1 to Curcio et al, Patent No. 6,465,084 B1, are currently owned by the same party, International Business Machines Corporation of Armonk, NY, as evidenced by assignments recorded in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office;

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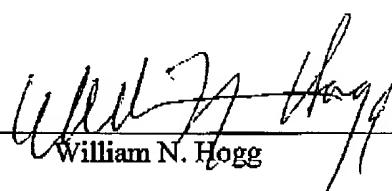
3. The common inventor, Brian E. Curcio, is the prior inventor under 35 U.S.C. 104 of the subject matter in the instant application.

4. A terminal disclaimer of Patent No. 6,465,084 B1 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is being provided with this declaration.

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